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~~150-20-73RD AVE~~
FLUSHING ~~54-67~~ N.Y.
147-37-38th Ave



AMERICANA

2-2-62

Dear Mr Newman.

I guess all us old timers are a bit spoiled by former "old time prices"

is for myself. I've kept pace with the times - fact of the matter is I paid \$100.00 even for the item, and a good buy for an old time scout like myself - you

my original quote to is now of course out the window - as that was for a quick turnover - as of this writing my tentative price is \$175.00.

about the photo copy. I should like to have that back - as my feelings in regards to the wishes of the eventual purchaser have not changed - In the event the ultimate purchaser has no objections - I would be happy to send you one.

I do find many rare and unusual items from time to time. and would be more than glad to offer you any in which I think your interested in - to do that I would need a short resume of your collecting interests

Cordially
abe Schoenfeld

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2-7-62

Mr Eric P. Newman

Dear Sir:

Mr Peter Decker 45 W 57 St my suggested
I offer you the following item -
It's a specimen sheet of engraving -
measures $7\frac{1}{2}$ in x $11\frac{5}{8}$ inch -

It reads as follows -

This Specimen exhibiting the work of a
new invention - is respectfully submitted
to the Banking Institutions of the United States
New York Oct 4 1873 Durand & Wright
of course to describe it in detail
with the beautiful engraving would be
just about impossible - I'd be willing
to send you a photostat if you don't have
it and are interested in it -

The above mentioned text is all in the
top 1/4 - the next 3/4 shows various ovals and
circles a 100 - a 500 - 2 medallions and 1 portrait
the bottom 1/4 shows one - Two and Three in a side
panel -

The Top 1/4 besides the text shows

Ten in the left 50 in left center XX right center acid
Five extreme right —

I believe the aforesaid should be
enough to give you a good picture of this item
at least enough to know if you have the item
It is not likely that there can be two different
specimen sheets with the same date —

Please advise if this item is of
interest —

Sincerely
Abe Schoenfeld

February 12, 1962

Mr. Abe Schoenfeld
150 20 73rd Avenue
Flushing 67, New York

Dear Sir:

It was very nice for Peter Decker to help me locate items for my collection by telling you of my interest in banknote show card advertisements.

I have checked through the group that I have and do not have one of the type you describe, being Durand & Wright, 1823.

I would be interested in the item if it is in fine condition and would appreciate it if you would quote me your price. It is not necessary for you to spend the money for a photostat - unless you just happen to have one.

Thank you for writing me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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2-16-62

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Stores Inc.

Dear Sir:

your letter arrived this morning but have
tid up with unpacking - and everything is in
topsy turvy condition -

Since writing you last week have done
some research on the quoted item of Durand &
Wright 1823 - firstly met Mr J. Blanchard -
who owns only the top third of the present sheet

The New York Historical Society - has in their
collections Durand's personal proof and sample
books - plus drawings etc - They likewise have
only the top third of this sheet -

The Chase National Bank Money Collection does
not have any kind of example of Durand & Wright
of 1823 -

I have written to the Patent Office for a copy
of the invention described on the sheet - should
it arrive after you acquire this sheet - I will
of course send it along -

may I say for the record that I ^{had} this sheet
once before perhaps 20 years ago in a worst
sheds - and I believe Clarence Brazier bought
it and cut the bottom $\frac{2}{3}$ " off - as they were some pieces
missing - who got it after him I don't know

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about its condition. I would call it fine considering its rarity and the type of fragile Bank note paper its printed on -

P.S. I did have several photostatic copies made one of which I am sending along for your inspection.

Dr Blanchard was much interested in this Durand & Wright item - had to tell him that I had offered it you and I could not do anything before I had your reply.

Peter Decker and myself are very good friends and any friend of his is a friend of mine - Furthermore I have a moral obligation to hold an item for a reply. Once it has been offered now about the price - its net \$137.50

I should like to give a photostat of this item to both Mr Blanchard and the N.Y. Historical but that while you have the option I cannot do so. Should you acquire the item the above decision would be up to your permission - if you decide against - I would of course send you all the photostats.

Finally it will a week or ten days and perhaps sooner before I find this item - I thought I had placed it with other valuables in the Safe Deposit box but it was not there to-day - so it must be with the larger items

Sincerely
abe schoenfeld -

The photostat is 1 1/2 inch shorter and 1 inch narrower. I guess his machine could not reproduce larger than 9 1/2 x 6 1/4. However I would give you a good picture of the item.

February 27, 1962

Mr. Abe Schoenfeld
147-37 38th Avenue
Flushing 54, New York

Dear Mr.Schoenfeld:

Thank you, very much, for your letter of
February 16, 1962.

I am probably living in the past but the
price of \$137.50 for the Durand and Wright
display card seems to be more than I wish
to pay. I recognize its rarity and it
is entirely possible that it is worth even
more than you indicate. In any event, I
would like to keep the photocopy which you
sent me and I am sure any purchaser would
have no objection.

Thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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Dr. Julian Blanchard